

**CLAIMS**

1. (amended) A medication administration method employing a medication reminder device comprising:

turning the medication reminder device on;

entering a code that provides access to a recording function;

recording an oral message in the medication reminder device that identifies a medication and the dosage to be taken;

entering a month, date and time of day schedule in the medication reminder device for taking a medication;

saving the oral message and the month, date and time of day schedule;

generating a signal to alert an individual that it is time to take a medication;

playing the recorded oral message upon activation of the medication reminder device by pressing a play button; ~~and~~

recording a warning message instructing a person of the action to be taken when an identified medication is not taken within a predetermined time period following the month, date and time of day schedule for taking the identified medication;

pressing the play button and playing a warning message when the oral message relating to the identified medication is not played within the predetermined time period; and

turning off said signal to alert an individual in response to playing the oral message.

2. (previously presented) A medication administration method as set forth in claim 1 including: recording a second oral message in the medical reminder device that identifies a second medication and the dosage to be taken; entering a second month, date and time of day

schedule in the medication reminder device; saving the second oral message and the second month, date and time of day schedule; and playing the second recorded oral message upon activation of the medication reminder device by pressing the play button following the beginning of a month, date and time of day period for taking the second medication.

3. (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) A medication administration method as set forth in claim 1 including:

changing a current month, date and time display by the medication reminder device to a future period;

playing the messages recorded for the future period; and

changing the month, date and time to the current month, date and time.

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)